corrupted the copies by forging more matters in his reading than were contained in the original letters Having cotajied the&e copies Daniel said he meant to gull somebody

About the beginning of the January following, the Countess sent for Mistress Daniel desiring to receive back jier casket, whereunto Mrs Daniel answered that it was *eiy* sate and had been seen by no creature living since she had them , fcat wtien she had received the casket and prrvately opened it, she found many of her letters missing \\hereupon she went herself to Daniel's house to know how those letters were embezzled To which after some talk had passed between them, Daniel replied that he could not imagine what way they were gone, unless a maid that his wife had newly put away had stolen them, but he would do his uttermost endeavour for finding of the letters again.

Nevertheless about the 1st of March following, Daniel wrote a letter to the Countess eainowledging that He had the letters, and that they might greatly concern her Lord , and that he was become very much impoverished of late and decayed in his estate, above £3,000, during his service with the Earl; yet upon some honourable consideration of his necessity he would safely restore the letters to her Ladyship again The Countess there-fore sent one of her servants divers times to Daniel, assuring JUTT* that she would rekeve his wants to the best of her ability , but Daniel not satisfied insisted upon the demand of £3,000, for, said he, he doubted not but if he should cany those letters to some persons of great quality and degree, the}' would give him so much for the same The Countess not being able to provide so great a sum, yet being fearful and loath to hazard her

husband's unkindness, resolved rather to sell her jewels than to leave such letters in the hands of so unhonest a man, and having made thereof the sum of £1,720 she gave it to Daniel, who delivered the forged letters, protesting withal voluntarily upon the Bible that he then delivered back all the letters, that none had read them, and that he had no copies of them

All these things having been plainly manifested to the Court by the examination of Daniel in writing under his own hand and by his confession at the bar, he was utterly unable to make any defence or to yield any excuse or colour for his offences.